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**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

1-20. (Canceled).

21. (New) A packaged product comprising:

- a. a plurality of flexible liquid-filled pouches;
- b. an outer container containing the plurality of pouches, wherein the outer container contains the plurality of pouches in a random orientation such that at least two or more of the plurality of pouches are in mutual contact; and
- c. a wrapping material enclosing the plurality of pouches, wherein the wrapping material comprises shrink-wrapping, vacuum-packing, or stretch-wrapping, or a combination thereof, and tightly wraps the plurality of pouches in the random orientation, and wherein the wrapping material is operable to avoid or minimize rupturing of one or more of the plurality of pouches within the outer container.

22. (New) A packaged product according to claim 21, wherein each of the plurality of flexible liquid-filled pouches comprises a water-soluble flexible film that forms a wall of the pouch.

23. (New) A packaged product according to claim 21, wherein the wrapping material comprises a stretch-wrapping net comprising elastic properties.

24. (New) A packaged product according to claim 21, wherein the outer container comprises a thermoformed tub or an injection molded plastic tub.

25. (New) A packaged product according to claim 24, wherein the outer container is provided with a reclosable lid.

26. (New) A packaged product comprising:
  - a. a plurality of flexible liquid-filled pouches;
  - b. an outer container containing the plurality of pouches, wherein the outer container contains the plurality of pouches in a random orientation such that at least two or more of the plurality of pouches are in mutual contact; and
  - c. a cushioning material operable to avoid or minimize the rupture of one or more of the plurality of pouches contained within the outer container, wherein the cushioning material is placed between the outer container and the plurality of pouches.
27. (New) A packaged product according to claim 26, wherein the cushioning material comprises foam, bubble wrap, cellulose-based paper or board, or a combination thereof.
28. (New) A packaged product according to claim 27, wherein the cushioning material comprises polyethylene foam, corrugated cardboard, or a combination thereof.
29. (New) A packaged product according to claim 26, wherein each of the plurality of flexible liquid-filled pouches comprises a water-soluble flexible film that forms a wall of the pouch.
30. (New) A packaged product according to claim 26, wherein the outer container comprises a thermoformed tub or an injection molded plastic tub.
31. (New) A packaged product according to claim 30, wherein the outer container is provided with a reclosable lid.
32. (New) A packaged product comprising:
  - a. a plurality of flexible liquid-filled pouches;
  - b. an injection molded plastic tub containing the plurality of pouches in a random orientation such that at least two or more of the plurality of pouches are in mutual contact; and

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c. a cushioning material operable to avoid or minimize the rupture of one or more of the plurality of pouches contained within the tub, wherein the cushioning material is placed between the tub and the plurality of pouches.

33. (New) A packaged product according to claim 32, wherein the cushioning material comprises foam, bubble wrap, cellulose-based paper or board, or a combination thereof.

34. (New) A packaged product according to claim 33, wherein the cushioning material comprises polyethylene foam, corrugated cardboard, or a combination thereof.

35. (New) A packaged product according to claim 32, wherein each of the plurality of flexible liquid-filled pouches comprises a water-soluble flexible film that forms a wall of each pouch.

36. (New) A packaged product according to claim 32, wherein the tub is provided with a reclosable lid.